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1. [redacted] the Kolodichi transmitter formed part of the Minsk broadcasting station and was located northeast of Minsk (47° 34' E/53° 54' N), between the highway and the railroad line to Moscow. It existed during the war, was demolished in 1944, but was later reconstructed. The corresponding receiving station was located on the northern edge of Priluki, southwest of Minsk, and was connected with the transmitter by cables.
2. The Kolodichi transmitter (for location and layout see attached sketch, was located in a wooded area. The two steel transmitting towers were conspicuous landmarks. The entire installation covered an area of about 1/2 square kilometer.
  - a. There were two steel towers, about 200 meters high, and two wooden towers about 60 to 80 meters high. Soviet engineers said that the installation was a short-wave station.
  - b. Apparatuses were set up on the second and third floors of the transmitting station. A demonstration room and offices were also located on the third floor. Telephone installations, work shops, and the heating installation were on the ground floor.
  - c. Various electrical and radio-technical spare parts were stored in the magazine.
  - d. A reservoir was used for cooling purposes. As far as could be remembered it was never frozen.
3. The Priluki receiving station was located about 10 to 15 km southwest of Minsk, about 4 to 5 km west of the highway to Slutsk, on the northern edge of the medium sized locality, on a hill. The castle of a Polish count formerly stood on this site. The station included two stone buildings about one third the size of the Kolodichi station.

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a. Office rooms, the necessary technical installations, telephone installations, repair shops, and, presumably, living quarters were available.

b. The Priluki and Kolodichi stations were connected by a power transmission line, the cable of which had a diameter of about 15 mm and which was suspended from 15 meter masts about 50 to 80 meters apart.

c. The Priluki station would receive Radio Moscow programs after midnight while the Minsk radio station went off the air (personal observations confirmed by Soviets).

#### 4. Details on the construction of the installations:

a. The Priluki station has been serviceable since early 1946, the Kolodichi station since the spring of 1947.

b. The construction work was executed by the Special Construction 74, state enterprise. The following personnel of this firm were known:

Chief engineer and technical manager:	Simeon Futtermann (from Moscow)
Managing director:	Ex-Lt Col Trainer *
Responsible for the construction of the radio towers and the transmission line:	Mr. Ackermann (from Lenin-grad)
In charge of calculations for the entire project:	Maukritonevich Gonsnar (from Moscow)
Adjutant:	Simon Ginzburg (from Minsk)

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[redacted] the personnel mentioned, except Futtermann, were transferred to Kaliningrad in early 1947 for the execution of similar missions.

5. The managing director of the Kolodichi transmitter was one Kastusha, allegedly from Moscow.

#### 6. Service and maintenance personnel:

- a. Kolodichi: 30 to 40 men
- b. Priluki: 10 to 12 men at most.

1 Annex Layout of the Kolodichi Transmitting Station.

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[redacted] Comment: Reported to be Trainer [redacted]

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